

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

Docket No. 2015-05

**Re: Joint Application of New England Power Company
d/b/a National Grid and Public Service Company of New Hampshire
d/b/a Eversource Energy for a Certificate of Site and Facility**

May 6, 2016

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART MOTION
FOR RESTRICTIVE TREATMENT OF MEDICAL RECORDS**

On April 22, 2016, the Presiding Officer issued an Order and Notice of Technical Session in the above entitled matter. Under the Order and Notice, a technical session for the Intervenors' witnesses was held on May 5, 2016.

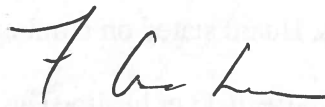
On May 2, 2016, Ms. Huard filed a Motion for Restrictive Treatment of Medical Records. Ms. Huard asserts that the Applicant requested that she disclose her medical records. She argues that her medical records are private and confidential and requests that she not be required to disclose her medical records to the Applicant. In the alternative, Ms. Huard requests that the Subcommittee order the Applicant to keep these records confidential, not to post them on the public docket, and not to use them in public hearings.

The Applicant replied to Ms. Huard's request on May 3, 2016. The Applicant argues that Ms. Huard's medical records are highly relevant to the issues raised in this docket. Specifically, the Applicant argues that Ms. Huard stated on number of occasions, that the existing transmission lines negatively affected her health. The Applicant asserts that it should have access to Ms. Huard's medical records to verify her statements. The Applicant agrees, however, not to use Ms. Huard's medical records outside of these proceedings and to seal the portion of the record that will be used during the final adjudicative hearing.

Ms. Huard's medical records contain private confidential information. Ms. Huard, however, in her pre-filed testimony asserts that she has suffered from (i) a "small shock" from the existing powerlines in 2009/2010; (ii) "a significant pain and sensitivity from head to toe" after the removal of the pole within the right-of-way in 2012/2013; and (iii) "symptoms that often precede cardiac arrest" when she was taking pictures of existing structures in January, 2016. *See* Ms. Huard, Amended Page 5 of Pre-Filed Testimony. She relies on these instances to argue that the Project will have adverse effects on human health. The Applicant is entitled to receive Ms. Huard's medical records to verify Ms. Huard's allegations.

Ms. Huard's request to keep her medical records confidential is denied to the extent that Ms. Huard requests that the Subcommittee allow her not to provide her medical records to the Applicant. Ms. Huard's request to grant protective treatment of her medical records is granted. Ms. Huard shall provide to the Applicant's attorneys, under seal, medical records related to the "shock" incidents she described in her pre-filed testimony forthwith. The Applicant's attorneys shall not disclose the medical records to anyone except those attorneys that have filed appearances for the Applicant in this docket. If there are questions during the adjudicative hearings concerning regarding Ms. Huard's medical records, that portion of the proceeding will be closed to the public.

So ordered this sixth day of May, 2016:



F. Anne Ross
Site Evaluation Committee
Presiding Officer